

## Weekly Update August 2, 2021

Ms. Canfield noted that there is not a Select Board meeting this week, but next week on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The board is holding their annual retreat on August 14, 2021.

Heritage Days will kick off with a Lighted Boat Parade on Friday, Aug. 6, at 8:30 p.m. in Scituate Harbor in conjunction with Luminaria along the coast of Scituate. Viewing from Scituate Lighthouse, Museum Beach, Cole Parkway and First Cliff.

Events continue Saturday, Aug. 7 and Sunday, Aug. 8 with a vendor fair in Cole Parkway, kiddie carnival, baby animal petting zoo, entertainment. for the kiddos, local musicians, food court beer and wine tent and more. On the water will be the dory/boat races and Lighted Boat Parade. Local fishermen will host a family-friendly event on the town pier. There will be something for everyone. *For full details visit: [Scituatechamber.org](http://Scituatechamber.org)*

Mr. Boudreau said Utility Rd main construction is complete. It's tested and chlorinated and now the services are being installed to homes. Once done, we will basecoat on the road. We are now working on Old Oaken Bucket and will continue down the rotary. Old Oaken Bucket is closed to through traffic.

Boudreau water usage is still below normal at 1.460 million gallons a day but that could quickly change when hot weather returns. Despite a full reservoir and all the rain, phase one of water restrictions are still in place. Visit: [Scituatema.gov](http://Scituatema.gov), Water Dept. page for more details.

Residents may notice large equipment at the Water Treatment Plant near the Rotary. Pilot studies for a new water treatment plant are about to get underway. There will be tests to determine the best treatment for Scituate water.

The highly-contagious Delta variant is present in Massachusetts and is driving Covid numbers up across the country and in Scituate which had nine cases over the past week, up from just one the week before.

The Delta variant mainly affects those who are not vaccinated. There have been some break-thru cases with vaccinated folks but those cases have been mild and rarely require hospitalization.

Town Administrator Jim Boudreau said 99 percent of recent deaths were unvaccinated people. The state recommends that even those who are vaccinated wear a mask when indoors in a public place if someone in their household is at high risk. Also, those who live in high-transmission areas should mask up when inside a public place.

Town officials ask those with personal watercraft to be sure there is identification on the craft. A paddle board was found floating in the harbor recently. That set off a search for a potential missing person involving police, fire and the Coast Guard. It turned out to be a false alarm.

Special stickers for watercraft are available at the Harbormaster's Office and at the Coast Guard station. They are free. Every craft should have some kind of an ID on it so if it gets loose, officials can contact the owner.

Next week, the Select Board will recognize the marine unit and dispatch that rescued two paddleboarders in very difficult conditions with zero visibility and waves. Boudreau urged everyone to be aware of the weather and wear lifejackets when out on the water.

The Country Way sidewalk is getting close to the end of the project. Binder coat is down, and the rest will wait until National Grid can move the poles. Next up is Stockbridge Road sidewalk and we have preliminary plans. We are hoping to receive some grant funding to begin that project.

Work on the popular PJ Steverman inline skating rink at the high school be completed by early September. The old rink is being demolished and will be rebuilt. The project is being paid for with Community Preservation Act funds.

The green sand filter on Tack Factory Pond well 17 A has power to the site and we're bringing it to the building. We are on track for completion October/November. 250,000 gallons a day without iron or manganese will be put back into the system.

The Widows Walk \$2-1/2 million clubhouse renovation will wrap up this fall. The project is on time and on budget. The new, expanded facility will include a restaurant. Once complete, the town will go out to bid for a restaurant manager. Well 18 B is located next door that has a green sand filter already – we are going to pump that backwater for irrigation on the golf course.

Clapp Rd. paving has started and a complete paving list will be on the website.

Reminder that if you're in the Harbor for Heritage Days this weekend, Front Street will be open. There is limited parking in the area.